

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
frightening decision
to force their
affiliates in the
Pittsburg area to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a perfect example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Purveyors of this
undemocratic,
misleading abuse of
public airwaves by a
private corporation
must be held
accountable by the
FCC for violating
the public's trust.

Viewers are being
purposefully misled
into believing that
this clearly biased
political
advertisement is, in
fact, real news when
, in fact, it is
nothing more than a
free, political
"editorial" by the
head of the media
corporation over our
airwaves.

Sinclair uses our
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve communities in
the public interest.
But when politically
biased large
companies control
the airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the
corporation's bottom
line and less of
what we need for our
democracy to
function
effectively. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away
from Pittsburg, it's
more important that
we see real people
from our own local
cities and suburbs
where we live, and
more balanced,
honest news about

issues that matter.

Sinclair's shameless actions against the public interest show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please stop the corporate takeover over local community news programming.

Thank you.

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